

# SAVE THE DATE!

## Third Annual Region V Youth Development Conference **October 15-18, 2002** Hyatt Regency Chicago, Chicago, IL

Come to Chicago to get the information you want on planning and administering youth programs, and enjoy a festive time of the year in this great city! On behalf of Region V Employment and Training Administration and our 10 states, we invite you to be a part of this most exciting and productive regional youth workforce conference. The conference will provide information, program models, and answers to the issues that concern you. This year's conference workshops reflect preferences of local youth councils and youth program operators in all 10 states and will feature three themes:

- **Partnerships**—building and enhancing the community partnerships fundamental to comprehensive youth services;
- **Leveraging resources**—to expand our capability to reach the youth who need our current services; and
- **Youth involvement**—to ensure that our programs genuinely respond to the needs of youth, and that young people take ownership of the services we provide.

### Who should attend?

This conference is directed to those officials, program operators, and staff who are transforming youth programs and services in response to the Workforce Investment Act, especially:

- Youth Council members and staff
- Local elected officials
- Youth service providers including juvenile justice, foster care and programs for youth with disabilities
- WIA One-Stop staff and partners
- School-to-work partnership members and other staff
- Youth Opportunity Grant staff
- Job Corps staff
- Tribal organizations
- Community based and faith based organizations
- Business community
- Youth program participants and graduates

### Conference Focus

Topics and issues that will be featured include how to:

- Improve educational achievement
- Work with youth to prepare for and succeed in employment
- Support youth through mentoring, counseling, and follow-up services
- Develop the potential of youth as citizens and leaders

And will address the following issues:

- Program design, including community audits and rural youth approaches
- Public relations and community outreach
- Performance management, MIS and reporting
- Collaborating with partners
- Staff development

**Keep an eye on our web site for a preliminary agenda and registration information: <http://www.doleta.gov/regions/reg05/>**

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